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ATLANTA'S 15th BLACK GAY PRIDE WEEKEND
"A CRYSTAL BALL"

"In the present, learning from the past to shape the future"

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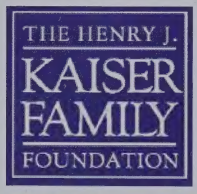

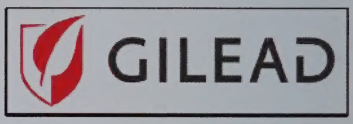

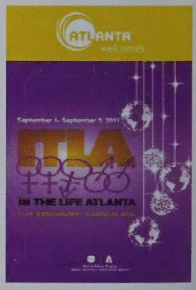

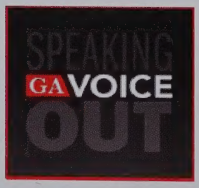

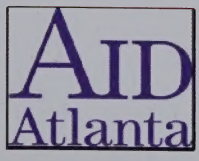

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Welcome To Atlanta

ITLA President

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Greetings:

As President of In The Life Atlanta Inc. the official organizers of Atlanta's Black Gay Pride Celebration and the worlds largest black pride celebration, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our 15th Annual ITLA Black Gay Pride Celebration.

These years overarching theme is, "Living in the present learning from the past to shape the future," Is a direct reflection of what we see in our everyday lives as LGBTQIA individuals. If we can just glean the lesson from the experiences that we have had, then and only then can we avoid having to repeat the challenge.

Black Gay Pride Celebration in Atlanta continues to be a must experience destination year after year, and ITLA continues to bring education, culture, entertainment, health and wellness, and a blending of social networks and samples of the various expressions of sub communities and populations with in the global LGBTQIA community.

There is an array of things to experience from Apple wood smoked bacon to Zeal gained from a newly forged friendship. The crystals presented to ITLA in the form of support of us for over 15 years in the community belong to those who paved the way for us, prayed for us, supported us, and continue to want the best for us and challenge us to be the best for us and those we serve.

Have a safe trip to Atlanta, enjoy what our city and surrounding areas have to offer , be safe , kind, respectful, have a great experience and Happy Pride!!!

Sincerely,

Raymond R. Duke

WELCOME TO ATLANTA

THE MAYOR OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

CITY OF ATLANTA

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August 31, 2011

Greetings:

As Mayor of the City of Atlanta, it is my great pleasure to welcome In The Life Atlanta (ITLA) as you host your *15th Annual Black Gay Pride Weekend.*

This year's theme is called, *"A Crystal Ball: In the present, learning from the past to shape the future."* Now in its fifteenth year, the weekend long celebration has evolved to become one of the most anticipated events in the southeast. *Black Gay Pride Weekend* reflects the rich cultural history of Atlanta's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender population, and attracts tens of thousands of people annually. The City of Atlanta is proud to host the world's largest black gay pride celebration which brings a variety of fun and entertainment to all who participate.

Black Gay Pride Weekend will be a festive and exciting occasion that embraces all of our citizens and highlights the diverse cultural landscape in Atlanta.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I extend best wishes on a successful event.

Sincerely,

Kasim Reed

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Welcome To Atlanta

From The Office of The Govenor of Georgia

STATE OF GEORGIA
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Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

August 31, 2011

Welcome to the great State of Georgia! Girl Scouts Founder Juliette Gordon Low, author Margaret Mitchell, golf legend Bobby Jones, baseball pioneer Jackie Robinson , President Jimmy Carter, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. have all called Georgia home, and if you are visiting, I hope that you feel that you may do the same after your time here. I am proud to be Governor of a state with such a proud and storied history, and I am honored that Georgians have allowed me to be a part of this history.

I hope that you will find Georgia as beautiful, exciting, and hospitable as I do, and that you will share in my belief that Georgia's best days are still ahead.

Sincerely,

Nathan Deal

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WELCOME TO ATLANTA

FROM THE ATLANTA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

ATLANTA
Convention & Visitors Bureau

August 31, 2011

Welcome to Atlanta for the 15th Annual Black Gay Pride Celebration!

If you haven't been to Atlanta in the last few years, you have missed a lot. The city is brimming with growth. Just look at Centennial Olympic Park, where you'll find the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, Inside CNN Atlanta Studio Tour and much more.

Discover the soul of the South in Atlanta's dozen or so inside-the-beltway neighborhoods. These communities blend residential streets with gotta-find-it boutiques and the best chef-owned eateries.

Atlanta's extensive art scene and rich history create cultural offerings unmatched in the South. Visitors can enjoy art, music, theatre and more at award-winning venues throughout the city, including the Tony Award-winning Alliance Theatre.

Need a dining recommendation? Just ask the locals. Dining is one of our favorite past times. Forty-five new restaurants opened in our downtown area since 2008. Atlanta boasts more than 700 Zagat-rated restaurants from traditional southern fare to upscale gourmet cuisine to locally-owned establishments with an emphasis on farm-to-table dining.

The city's nightlife is diverse, with each neighborhood offering a different vibe from Virginia-Highland's laid-back atmosphere to the chic style of Buckhead to the trendy, cosmopolitan scene in Midtown.

That's just a taste of what Atlanta has to offer. Rated as "one of America's gayest cities" by *The Advocate*, Atlanta has something for every visitor. We look forward to showing you a bit of Southern hospitality in the most-welcoming city in the world.

Sincerely,

William Pate
President and CEO

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Welcome To Atlanta

The ITLA Board Members

Our Mission

To promote unity, pride, self-empowerment and positive visibility within Atlanta's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community of African descent through education, advocacy, and coalition building programs.

WELCOME TO ATLANTA

FROM THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BLACK

September 2011

Greetings:

I am pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate In The Life Atlanta (ITLA) on the occasion of their 15th Annual Black Pride celebration, "A Crystal Ball- In the present, learning from our past to shape the future." Atlanta is a member of the International Federation of Black Prides, Inc. (IFBP) joining with members and affiliates in Albany, NY; Buffalo and Rochester, NY; Boston; New York City; Newark, NJ; Pittsburgh; Philadelphia; Washington, DC; Raleigh; Louisville; Jacksonville; Nashville; Memphis; New Orleans; Jackson, MS; Charlotte; Tampa; St. Louis; Columbia, SC; Chicago; Detroit; Houston; Indianapolis; Oklahoma City; Minneapolis-St. Paul; Dallas; Phoenix; Los Angeles; San Diego; Portland, OR; Seattle, WA; London, UK; Toronto, Canada; and Johannesburg, South Africa.

The IFBP is a 501 (c)(3) organization and a coalition of black pride organizers formed to promote a multinational network of LGBT Pride and community-based organizations dedicated to building solidarity, promoting unity, and ensuring the development of education, economic empowerment, and individual and collective work, responsibility, and self-determination. The mission of the IFBP is to build awareness of and pride in the diversity of the black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

ITLA has grown over the years to become the largest attended Black Pride event in the world with people traveling from everywhere to be part of the Labor Day weekend festivities. This growth over the past fifteen years has occurred through the hard work and dedication of the ITLA Board and Planning Committee, and their continued partnership with the Atlanta LGBT Community. I know that ITLA will continue to do Atlanta and the IFBP proud with yet another great Black Pride event! Have fun and please be safe!

Peace,

Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr.

Earl D Fowlkes, Jr.
President/CEO

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Opening Ceromony

8:00PM Friday, September 2 at The Melia Hotel

In The Atlanta Ballroom

Andrea Kelly

Music that is intimate, uplifting and consciousness-raising are words that best describe Andrea Kelly. This classically trained soprano and songwriter with the soulful four octave range has been pleasing audiences since she was seven years old with her amazingly talented vocal skills and dynamic performances. There is something so unusual, yet haunting about her voice. Andrea doesn't just sing a song, like a race car driver, she steers it, she controls it, she makes you feel triumphant afterwards, like she is by your side every step of the way to the finish line.

Daisha

Dancer - Soundscape Creator - Songwriter

In the spring of 2008, Daisha Graf-- then 20 years old and unknown, started a back-up dance career that's spanned some of the largest urban hip-hop and R&B tours in recent memory-- Rihanna, Diddy, Ryan Leslie, Letoya Lucket, Jill Scott and Beyonce to name a few. Even before graduating with a BA in Dance from Hofstra University, Daisha earned notice as a talented member with the Imani Dance Ensemble and NYC based Rhapsody The Company. However, after reaching the top of the working commercial dance world, her passion and vision to express herself as a performing artist hadn't quite satisfied her own self-fulfillment.

ITLA Candlelight And Interfaith Services

Prophet Greg Sewell

SWM is a group of believers who understand that the Body of Christ has to be empowered and educated concerning spiritual gifts.

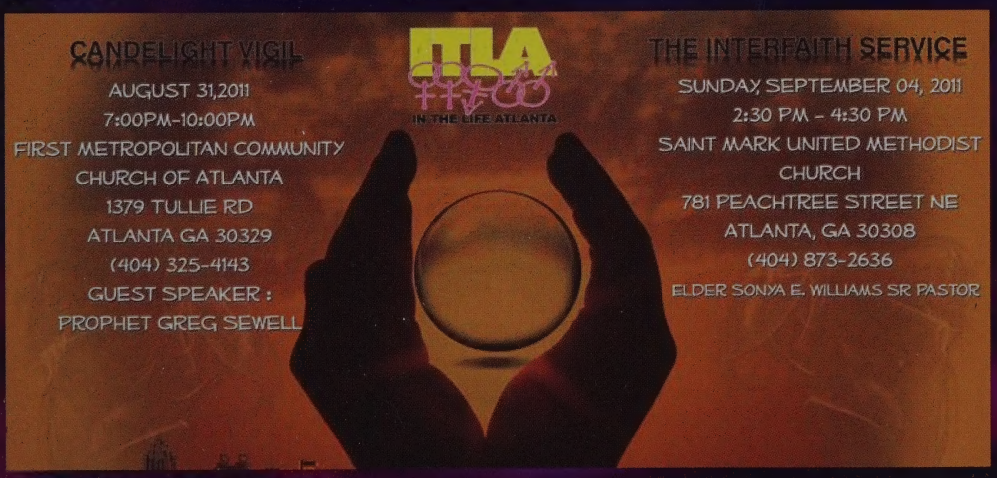
We work to bring this understanding throughout, regardless of denominational barriers. We continue working to make our callings and elections sure.

SWM started many outreach programs to continue in serving believers. SWM begin hosting "An Evening of Prophetic Movement" once a month. In this service spiritual gifts are encourage to go forth. we invite a speaker,singers,praise dancers to give them the oppurtunity to exercise their gifts and talents. As we continued to run with this vision, we begin to notice the need to educate the Body of Christ on Prophecy and through pray we begin to host the "Prophetic Conference". Today we still have the desire to educate and to serve.

Pastor Sonya E. Williams

Pastor Sonya E. Williams' ministry and vision is to enlighten and equip God's people with the ability to overcome adversity and conquer the enemy inside of them. She is dedicated to teaching God's Word in a simplistic, practical, and applicable manner. It is her desire that people are transformed from vision to victory rather than live their lives as victims.

Pastor Sonya is Founder and Senior Pastor of Restoration Inclusive Ministries, Inc., in Atlanta, Georgia, founded under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The ministry's central focus is Christ revealed through the avenues of social justice and outreach. Her vision is also to teach the Word of God and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, shaping, and equipping Restoration Inclusive Ministry members so that believers from every walk of life will be nourished and empowered to fulfill their God-ordained purpose.



ITLA's 2011 Literary Café Presents

BEYOND STONE

This year's Literary Café will feature a merger between art and technology. We promise to present an interesting array of authors from both within and outside of our community. A main feature of this year's presentation is a writing competition for amateur, non-published authors.

(See details at www.inthelifeatl.com)

Hotel Meliá
590 W. Peachtree St.
Atlanta, GA 30308
Price: $5.00 without pride pass

Date: Saturday
9/3/11
Time: 11am-3pm

Kim Roseberry

Her most recent work, We Love as You~ Do Capturing the Strength of a Marginalized Community, features 25 strong African-American homosexual women, who intimately reveal that love is simply universal. Roseberry continues to tap into the lives of her subjects as she shares their stories, listens to their hearts, and captures the spirit of their inner and outer beauty with each click of the camera.Journey along as photographer Kim Roseberry uses visual imagery accompanied by poetry and discussion to address heart-felt issues and concerns of the gay community. Single mothers, interracial couples, young and middle-aged, all reveal through their lives they are no different, simply here to make a difference

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LITERARY CAFÉ 2011

Timothy Michael Carson is a Florida native currently residing in Atlanta, Georgia. Love's Damage!~ Kenton, Shawna, and Anjel can't seem to elude heartache and tries to redefine the laws that govern the heart. The never-ending quest for love will take these characters to places they never thought they'd go and find them doing things they never thought they would. But can they successfully weather through the many highs and lows on their quest for true love or will love simply find them...damaged?

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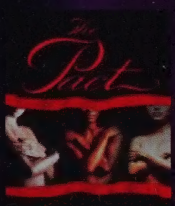
Peter Lawrence hails from New York City. *The Pact* is his first novel which came to him in a dream. He has ambitions of becoming a screen writer and turning his first novel into a film. He also started on the sequel of The Pact and hopes to have it completed by the end of this year.



Meet Kennedy, Claire and Octavia; three sensuous women from very different walks of life, who have one thing in common – REVENGE. Having discovered what managed to devastatingly affect these women's lives, and the lives of those they come in contact with, sex becomes their most dangerous weapons to regain what they feel they've lost. Leading dual lives, fate eventually forces them to battle their own truths and come to terms with what is really important to them; salvaging happiness. Journey along with them as the mission of vengeance transforms to an epiphany road to self-worth.

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Ifalade Ta'Shia Asanti is an award-winning journalist, poet, filmmaker and author of three books: *The Sacred Door: A Spiritual Guide to Power Living; The Seer: Legacy of Stone & Spirit* and *The Bones Do Talk*. Ta'Shia's work as a cultural educator and TV personality has been written about in the New York Times, USA Today and Entertainment Magazine. Ta'Shia is the co-founder of Your World TV Network and founder of the World Pride & Power Organization. More about Ta'Shia's work can be found at www.tashiaasanti.com

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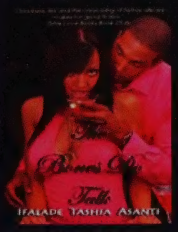

Ifalade Ta'Shia Asanti is an award-winning journalist, poet, filmmaker and author of three books: The Sacred Door: A Spiritual Guide to Power Living; The Seer: Legacy of Stone & Spirit and The Bones Do Talk. (Glover Lane Press)-While struggling with her love for an ex and her dreams of having the perfect life with a man every straight woman dreams of having, Myah Wellbrook, decorated civil rights attorney, takes on two controversial cases that will ultimately make or break her career. As secrets surface about Myah's family and her past, everything she has a stake is in jeopardy of being destroyed. There's only one person who can make sense of the drama in Myah's life. And that woman is the master psychic and intuitive, Violet Brown....

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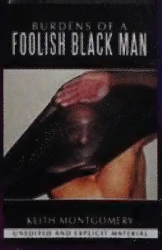

Keith Montgomery~~At first Bert wanted to be as successful as he could be, then he continued to dream for the wife, the kids, the house with the picket fence. That was all fake and in vain. He now realized his sexual desires will never go away. After dealing with his abusive family members who were hateful and non-supportive he realized his dreams faded fast and will not come anytime soon. He realized that his under-employment will not go away anytime soon because of prejudice, bias, and discrimination in America. The hypocrisy and non-cooperation was here to stay. He realized the damaged done to him and realized he was a burden foolish black man who continues to hope for better.

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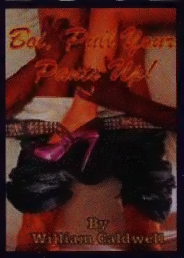

William Caldwell was born in North Carolina and raised in Talbot County - Eastern Shore, Maryland. He graduated from Coppin State University with a degree in Urban Art Productions. He currently lives in Baltimore, Maryland. He now devotes himself full-time to being an entrepreneur.

Boi, Pull Your Pants Up and Boi, Pull Your Pants Up 2 - Author William Caldwell, www.willcproductions.net Follow on twitter @Willcpower - Boi, Pull Your Pants Up 1 & 2 are short stories that deal with love, sex and relationships - situations that we find ourselves in and the consequences that come along with the choices made. The

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first book is Eye-opening, Edgy and Real. Book 2 is Intense, Dramatic and Emotional. Both books are sure to be page turners but when reading these books...Don't get caught with your pants down!!!

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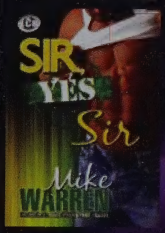
Mike Warren is the author of "A Private Affair" ~



After A Private Affair, and the sequel, Sweet Swagger, Sean heads to his new duty station in Hawaii with the love of his life by his side. Just as things heat up, Sean meets his father for the first time and is shocked by finding out a deep, dark family secret. Between running for his life, and the threat of being put out of the military, all hell breaks loose, and Sean s staring death in the eye.

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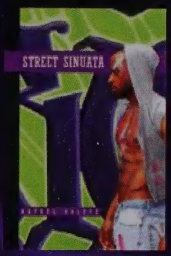
Rafael Solece is a 28 year old Play Write and Novelist, from Atlanta, Georgia~"When you are born into a life of privilege and prestige it is easy to forget that "privilege isn't always promised to the prestigious..." No one knows this better than Ashlee Baxton. This bright-eyed Creole boy was born into of life of possibility. He was a handsome, well breed, an extremely talented artist with all the promise in the world. And there was nothing more in the world that Ashlee dreamed of was than of one day joining the ranks of artist like Da Vinci & Van Gogh: and what better place than Atlanta to hone his talent?



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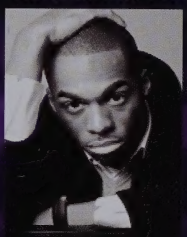
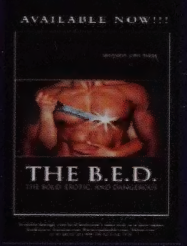
As a child, Langston John Blaze always had a fascination with storytelling. He loved the feeling of being taken into adventurous new worlds and transporting others through his 'tales'. Throughout his career he desired to write drama, romance, suspense, and mystery novels. Films inspired him to draw and write stories about toys coming to life and taking children to fun and exciting places.





A TASTE OF SEDUCTION IS...

never enough for the bold, erotic, and dangerous. Enter a world where inhibitions are limited and the hunger to fulfill a lustful craving is needed. Yet, sometimes the cravings we feel are needed the most are the

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ones that cut right through our skin and leave us hurt in the end... emotionally, mentally, and even physically. Perilous seduction captures the lives of the characters in this 14 erotic short story collection filled with suspense, drama, mystery, and thrills that are sure to keep readers guessing until the very last sentence. With tales such as: Gray Stalkers' Midnight, The Zara Cole Chronicles, Three is Never a Crowd, and Jennifer's Apples, seduction never tasted so sweet nor hurt so good.

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Fiona Zedde is a transplanted Jamaican currently living and working in Tampa, Florida.

Dangerous Pleasures - Author Fiona Zedde, www.fionazedde.com - This novel tells the story of Mayson and Renee, two best friends (one lesbian, the other straight) who've been through everything together. Now, choices the two women make – indulging in wild and risky sex-filled nights with dangerous partners – will put their friendship and their very lives in peril. Dangerous Pleasures is a selected read in the Black Expressions Book Club and has been well-reviewed in Publishers Weekly.

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Darian Aaron is the creator and editor of the urban gay blog Living Out Loud with Darian. His work has appeared in The Advocate, The Daily Voice, The LA Times GBM News and CLIK Magazine. When Love Takes Over: A Celebration of SGL Couples of Color is his literary debut. He is currently pursuing a degree in journalism at Georgia Perimeter College. He resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

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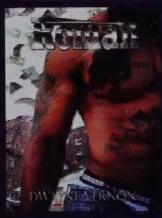
Dwayne Vernon's writing started in 1992 with his creation of poetry. In 2007, his first novel, My Man, My Boyz was released with great reviews and became the best seller on several review boards across the country. In June 2009, Dwayne Vernon's sequel to My Man, My Boyz; Deception, Lies and Truth hit the shelves. Dwayne has now completed and released his third Novel entitled, "Roman". Dwayne will be releasing in fourth Novel, "Vengeance" in the spring of 2012.



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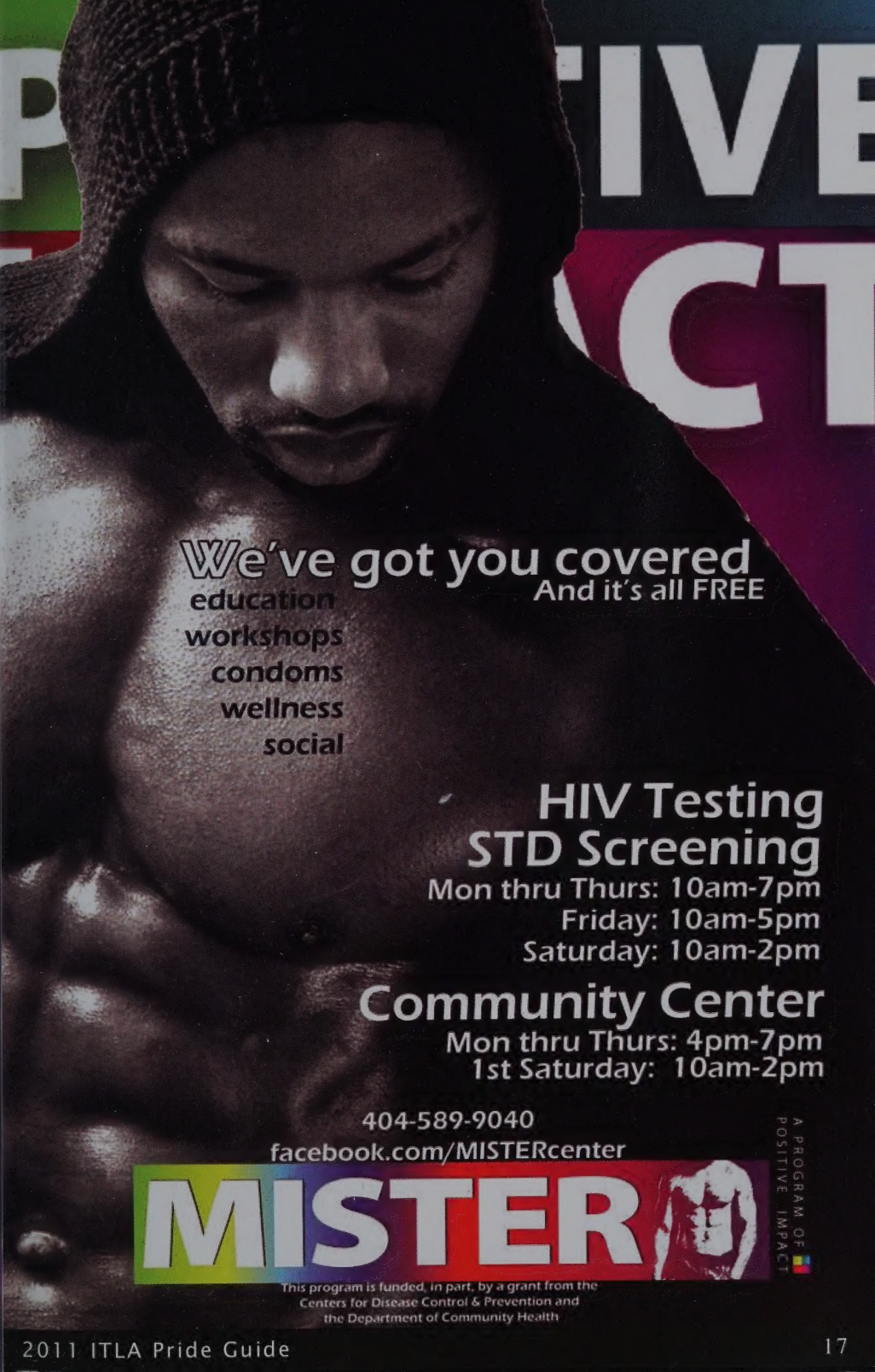
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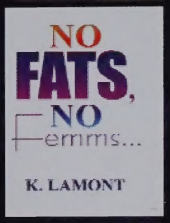

Kevin Gholson attended Norfolk State University where he majored in Elementary Education with a concentration in English. Determined to not let his sexuality be his "identifier", Kevin continued on a path to be a model black male in the gay community. It was not long before he realized that there were many gay black males who struggled with most of the emotional and verbal bashing that he himself had to deal with. He believed his life experiences could possibly help others and began to write his first book "No Fats, No Femms..." which was released in July of 2011. Kevin hopes to be a voice for those who have lost their sense of self-worth and to be an inspiration everyone.

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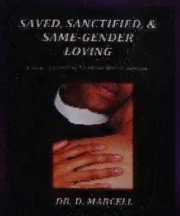

Dr. D. Marcell is a scholar and ordained minister "Saved, Sanctified, and Same-Gender Loving"~ is a proclamation of reclamation for all African-American SGL men who have lived conflicted lives, tormented by indoctrinated fears of eternal damnation, terrified of being rejected by God and family, and driven to schizophrenic nihilism (feelings of lovelessness, hopelessness, and despair). In this book, D. Marcell presents personal stories that illustrate his struggle to reconcile his spiritual and sexual identities; he also challenges other African-American SGL men (whether openly gay, closeted, down-low, or transgendered) to confront their own identity.

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Featured Movie 7:00pm

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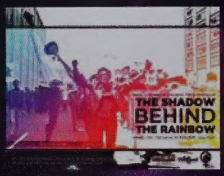
The Shadow Behind the Rainbow

By Jeshawna Wholley



The Shadow Behind the Rainbow is a 30 minute documentary focused on exposing the truth about the influence that African Americans have had on the Queer Rights Movement since the civil rights era into contemporary times.

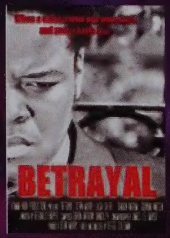
Underneath

By Katrina Deaton

Underneath captures the compelling journey of a young woman, Taylor Hayes, and her pursuit for happiness, acceptance, and self-discovery. Beneath the veil of sexuality, her deceit invokes the basic human need for love.

Betrayal

By Kevin Murray

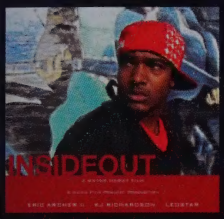


Keith, an up and coming corporate superstar, is learning how to balance his career and social life. Keith and his tenacious friend Francis share a close relationship, until Francis witnesses an unexpected event that tests the strength of their intimate bond.

ITLA Film Festival 2011

Inside Out

By Wayne Hobdy



An urban drama depicting the life of an at risk youth who sets out to discover life and his identity. A typically misguided street hood with few aspirations beyond drugs and video games.

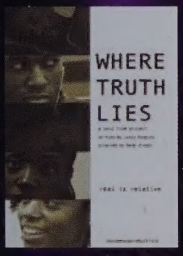
Fly-Brotha'

By Tim'm West

Fly Brotha. Provocative, moving, vulnerable, witty, and fun *Fly Brotha* is a celebration of courage needed to confront institutional barriers to personal freedom; an insistence on justice and peace in our community and world.

Where The Truth Lies

By Jsmes Peoples and Dane Joseph



WHERE TRUTH LIES focuses on Carlton, an attractive, educated, young black male with funny, caring friends (Brandon, Oliver, and Jamal); a beautiful, loving girlfriend (Jasmine)...and a handsome, devoted boyfriend (Terrell). These relationships rattle, however, on the day of his one-year anniversary with Jasmine, when truths unspoken come to light. Carlton's ability to balance the divergent interests of these three factions is put to the test, as is the sense and sensibility of his friends and lovers. A gripping portrait in four movements.

My Ma Said Yo' Mama's A Dyke

By CoquieHughes

An urban "mockumentary" tale about a group of teens who become fed up with their lesbian moms so they decide to enlist them into this uncanny camp that specializes in "de-lesbianism". It was written, produced and directed by CoquieHughes.

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ITLA Workshops

Check Room/location at registration

1. So You Want to Dominant- Facilitator Cole Thomas
2. Differentiating between Wild Sex BDSM AND Abuse - Facilitator Cole Thomas
3. Understanding HRC (HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN) - Facilitators Toni and Leann—10am Saturday
4. Understanding HRC (HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN) - Facilitators MOLLY AND EL 10am Sunday
5. JUMP STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS-Facilitator - Felicia Mccoy 11am Saturday
6. Understanding Mental Health in The Gay Community - Facilitator Elaine Ballard-10:45am
7. World Financial Group & Prepaid Legal - Facilitator Cathy Mathis 11:30
8. Stud4Stud Relationship In The Black Community - Facilitator Sharon Smith—12pm
9. NA/AA meetings through 10-2 and 4-6 both days - Facilitator Tracy Owens
10. Pittman Financial Services - Facilitator Stacy Pittman
11. The Real L Word A Sista's Guide to the LWord - Facilitator Aretina Hamilton
12. LGBTQ services in isolated and institutional settings - Facilitator Dana Johnson 11am-12:15pm
13. Dealing and coping with Breast Cancer-Facilitator Thomasine Leachman 1:00
14. GLAAD EQUALITY- Facilitator Jeff Graham 1:30
15. Real Estate investment - Facilitator Donna Carlock-2:00
16. Homosexuality in The Bible - Facilitator Greg Smith - 2:15
17. Love and Relationships - Facilitator Angela King- 2:30
18. Onyx- Various Topics 3:00 - Various Facilitators
19. The State Of Trans Union 2011 - Minister Lisa Newson - 4:00
20. Understanding Estate Planning - James Jackson

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ITLA Fashion Show 2011

Dixon is the creator, host, and executive producer of Tips and Tea, an Atlanta based tv talk show that can be viewed nationally and internationally. This 24 year old starlet was born and raised in Nashville Tn. She attended college at Middle TN State University where she studied Broadcast Journalism and Theater. Dixon is also the President and CEO of Glam Gang Productions Inc, the production company that produces Tips and Tea. She has interviewed people such as Reverend Jesse Jackson, Jerome Bettis, Gabriel Hart, and Monique Coleman just to name a few. Her tv show is recorded monthly in Atlanta Georgia at Justin's Restaurant . Owned by hip hop mogul Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. Previous Tapings have also been held at Straits Restaurant, owned by Chris "Ludacris" Bridges. Currently dominating the world of media, Dixon has proven that she is in fact a force to be reckoned with.

Fashion Show Director

Founded in 2008 and now based in Atlanta, its focus, concept and ambition is to create designs that would appeal to extremely feminine women and enthuses the LBGT community. Its motto and mission is "Introducing the World to "Cunty", One Fashionista at a time!" with designs that are bright, out of the box; stand out in the crowd, one of kind pieces that set its clients aside from everyone else. The designs created by Fearful Clothing, Inc, have been featured in fashion shows along the east coast of the United States with debuts in cities such as New York, Philadelphia, District of Columbia, Virginia, Miami and Atlanta, and it continues to grow.

Domonique Riddick, CEO and founder is a young talented designer who originates from Virginia. He is a graduate of I.C. Norcom High School and has received a BA in Fashion Design from Norfolk State University (May 2010). His internship with NYC Fashion Week helped acquire the skills that have garnered him Directorship of 8 successful fashion presentations. His designs can be found in many various fashion boutiques and have been worn by several celebrities. To his attributes he is proficient in Fashion Design, styling, runway coaching, show coordination and consulting. He is vastly on his journey to speak to the world thru his fashions and runway illustrations!

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To my Beautiful Black Sisters and Brother,

On behalf of the "In the Life Atlanta" Organization, we would like to welcome you to Atlanta and our celebration of Black Pride. During this weekend we hope that the name "Hotlanta" will take on many different meanings for each of you.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Crystal Ball," symbolizes our 15 year Anniversary and our focus on maintaining current, new and potential relationships that are built from many facets of our community as we continue to honor diversity and talents of our LGBT brothers and sister by celebrating the past, present and future. We invite you to unite with us as we collectively work together to celebrate the wonderful diversity that exist within all of us. We invite you to unite with us as we take on the responsibility of engaging in dialog about important issues that affect us mentally, physically and spiritually. We invite you to unite with us as we laugh, read poetry, sing, dance, party or just enjoy being with each other. Let's let the spirits of community guide us.

We thank you for considering being a volunteer for this event. Volunteer times for each event are shown in the attachment of this email, or you may also volunteer for one or more of the committees listed (Hospitality & Registrations, Logistics or other committees.

The mission statement of In the Life Atlanta is: ITLA serves to promote unity, pride, self-empowerment, and positive visibility within Atlanta's Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender community of African descent through education, advocacy, and coalition building programs. We hope you will take these words to your heart not only this weekend but as you travel back to your respective cities.

Enjoy your stay.

Sincerely,

Nanu Rivera, Hospitality & Registration, Chair
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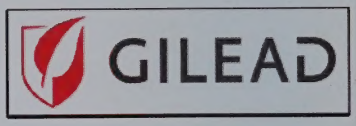

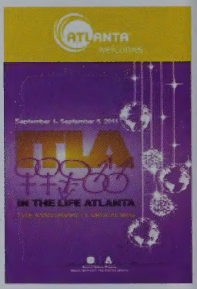

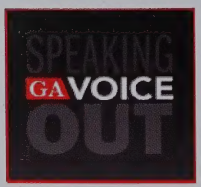

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Greetings:

As President of In The Life Atlanta Inc. the official organizers of Atlanta's Black Gay Pride Celebration and the worlds largest black pride celebration, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our 15th Annual ITLA Black Gay Pride Celebration.

These years overarching theme is, "Living in the present learning from the past to shape the future," Is a direct reflection of what we see in our everyday lives as LGBTQIA individuals. If we can just glean the lesson from the experiences that we have had, then and only then can we avoid having to repeat the challenge.

Black Gay Pride Celebration in Atlanta continues to be a must experience destination year after year, and ITLA continues to bring education, culture, entertainment, health and wellness, and a blending of social networks and samples of the various expressions of sub communities and populations with in the global LGBTQIA community.

There is an array of things to experience from Apple wood smoked bacon to Zeal gained from a newly forged friendship. The crystals presented to ITLA in the form of support of us for over 15 years in the community belong to those who paved the way for us, prayed for us, supported us, and continue to want the best for us and challenge us to be the best for us and those we serve.

Have a safe trip to Atlanta, enjoy what our city and surrounding areas have to offer , be safe , kind, respectful, have a great experience and Happy Pride!!!

Sincerely,

Raymond R. Duke

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August 31, 2011

Greetings:

As Mayor of the City of Atlanta, it is my great pleasure to welcome In The Life Atlanta (ITLA) as you host your *15th Annual Black Gay Pride Weekend.*

This year's theme is called, *"A Crystal Ball: In the present, learning from the past to shape the future."* Now in its fifteenth year, the weekend long celebration has evolved to become one of the most anticipated events in the southeast. *Black Gay Pride Weekend* reflects the rich cultural history of Atlanta's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender population, and attracts tens of thousands of people annually. The City of Atlanta is proud to host the world's largest black gay pride celebration which brings a variety of fun and entertainment to all who participate.

Black Gay Pride Weekend will be a festive and exciting occasion that embraces all of our citizens and highlights the diverse cultural landscape in Atlanta.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I extend best wishes on a successful event.

Sincerely,

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Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

August 31, 2011

Welcome to the great State of Georgia! Girl Scouts Founder Juliette Gordon Low, author Margaret Mitchell, golf legend Bobby Jones, baseball pioneer Jackie Robinson , President Jimmy Carter, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. have all called Georgia home, and if you are visiting, I hope that you feel that you may do the same after your time here. I am proud to be Governor of a state with such a proud and storied history, and I am honored that Georgians have allowed me to be a part of this history.

I hope that you will find Georgia as beautiful, exciting, and hospitable as I do, and that you will share in my belief that Georgia's best days are still ahead.

Sincerely,

Nathan Deal

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Welcome To Atlanta

From The Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau

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August 31, 2011

Welcome to Atlanta for the 15th Annual Black Gay Pride Celebration!

If you haven't been to Atlanta in the last few years, you have missed a lot. The city is brimming with growth. Just look at Centennial Olympic Park, where you'll find the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, Inside CNN Atlanta Studio Tour and much more.

Discover the soul of the South in Atlanta's dozen or so inside-the-beltway neighborhoods. These communities blend residential streets with gotta-find-it boutiques and the best chef-owned eateries.

Atlanta's extensive art scene and rich history create cultural offerings unmatched in the South. Visitors can enjoy art, music, theatre and more at award-winning venues throughout the city, including the Tony Award-winning Alliance Theatre.

Need a dining recommendation? Just ask the locals. Dining is one of our favorite past times. Forty-five new restaurants opened in our downtown area since 2008. Atlanta boasts more than 700 Zagat-rated restaurants from traditional southern fare to upscale gourmet cuisine to locally-owned establishments with an emphasis on farm-to-table dining.

The city's nightlife is diverse, with each neighborhood offering a different vibe from Virginia-Highland's laid-back atmosphere to the chic style of Buckhead to the trendy, cosmopolitan scene in Midtown.

That's just a taste of what Atlanta has to offer. Rated as "one of America's gayest cities" by *The Advocate*, Atlanta has something for every visitor. We look forward to showing you a bit of Southern hospitality in the most-welcoming city in the world.

Sincerely,

William Pate
President and CEO

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Welcome To Atlanta

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To promote unity, pride, self-empowerment and positive visibility within Atlanta's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) community of African descent through education, advocacy, and coalition building programs.

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WELCOME TO ATLANTA

FROM THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BLACK

September 2011

Greetings:

I am pleased to take this opportunity to congratulate In The Life Atlanta (ITLA) on the occasion of their 15th Annual Black Pride celebration, "A Crystal Ball- In the present, learning from our past to shape the future." Atlanta is a member of the International Federation of Black Prides, Inc. (IFBP) joining with members and affiliates in Albany, NY; Buffalo and Rochester, NY; Boston; New York City; Newark, NJ; Pittsburgh; Philadelphia; Washington, DC; Raleigh; Louisville; Jacksonville; Nashville; Memphis; New Orleans; Jackson, MS; Charlotte; Tampa; St. Louis; Columbia, SC; Chicago; Detroit; Houston; Indianapolis; Oklahoma City; Minneapolis-St. Paul; Dallas; Phoenix; Los Angeles; San Diego; Portland, OR; Seattle, WA; London, UK; Toronto, Canada; and Johannesburg, South Africa.

The IFBP is a 501 (c)(3) organization and a coalition of black pride organizers formed to promote a multinational network of LGBT Pride and community-based organizations dedicated to building solidarity, promoting unity, and ensuring the development of education, economic empowerment, and individual and collective work, responsibility, and self-determination. The mission of the IFBP is to build awareness of and pride in the diversity of the black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

ITLA has grown over the years to become the largest attended Black Pride event in the world with people traveling from everywhere to be part of the Labor Day weekend festivities. This growth over the past fifteen years has occurred through the hard work and dedication of the ITLA Board and Planning Committee, and their continued partnership with the Atlanta LGBT Community. I know that ITLA will continue to do Atlanta and the IFBP proud with yet another great Black Pride event! Have fun and please be safe!

Peace,

Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr.

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President/CEO

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Opening Ceromony

8:00PM Friday, September 2 at The Melia Hotel

In The Atlanta Ballroom

Andrea Kelly

Music that is intimate, uplifting and consciousness-raising are words that best describe Andrea Kelly. This classically trained soprano and songwriter with the soulful four octave range has been pleasing audiences since she was seven years old with her amazingly talented vocal skills and dynamic performances. There is something so unusual, yet haunting about her voice. Andrea doesn't just sing a song, like a race car driver, she steers it, she controls it, she makes you feel triumphant afterwards, like she is by your side every step of the way to the finish line.

Daisha

Dancer - Soundscape Creator - Songwriter

In the spring of 2008, Daisha Graf-- then 20 years old and unknown, started a back-up dance career that's spanned some of the largest urban hip-hop and R&B tours in recent memory-- Rihanna, Diddy, Ryan Leslie, Letoya Lucket, Jill Scott and Beyonce to name a few. Even before graduating with a BA in Dance from Hofstra University, Daisha earned notice as a talented member with the Imani Dance Ensemble and NYC based Rhapsody The Company. However, after reaching the top of the working commercial dance world, her passion and vision to express herself as a performing artist hadn't quite satisfied her own self-fulfillment.

ITLA Candlelight And Interfaith Services

Prophet Greg Sewell

SWM is a group of believers who understand that the Body of Christ has to be empowered and educated concerning spiritual gifts.

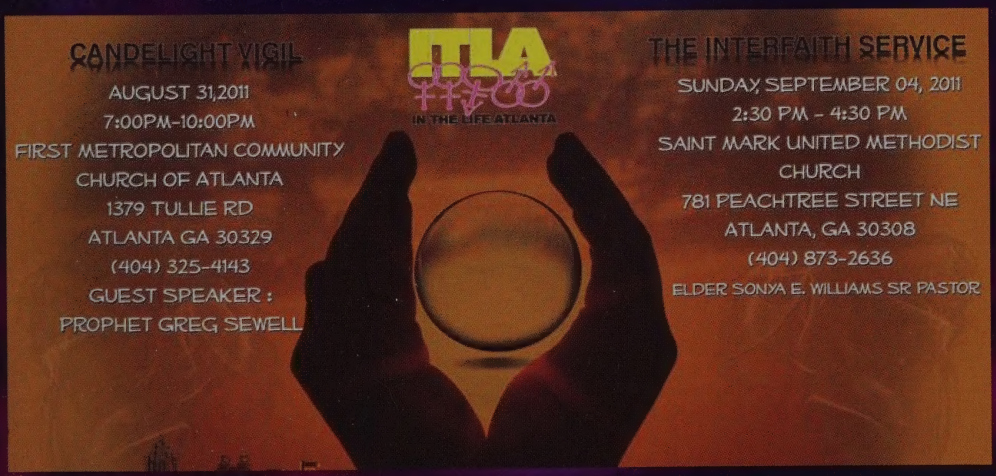
We work to bring this understanding throughout, regardless of denominational barriers. We continue working to make our callings and elections sure.

SWM started many outreach programs to continue in serving believers. SWM begin hosting "An Evening of Prophetic Movement" once a month. In this service spiritual gifts are encourage to go forth. we invite a speaker,singers,praise dancers to give them the oppurtunity to exercise their gifts and talents. As we continued to run with this vision, we begin to notice the need to educate the Body of Christ on Prophecy and through pray we begin to host the "Prophetic Conference". Today we still have the desire to educate and to serve.

Pastor Sonya E. Williams

Pastor Sonya E. Williams' ministry and vision is to enlighten and equip God's people with the ability to overcome adversity and conquer the enemy inside of them. She is dedicated to teaching God's Word in a simplistic, practical, and applicable manner. It is her desire that people are transformed from vision to victory rather than live their lives as victims.

Pastor Sonya is Founder and Senior Pastor of Restoration Inclusive Ministries, Inc., in Atlanta, Georgia, founded under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The ministry's central focus is Christ revealed through the avenues of social justice and outreach. Her vision is also to teach the Word of God and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, shaping, and equipping Restoration Inclusive Ministry members so that believers from every walk of life will be nourished and empowered to fulfill their God-ordained purpose.



ITLA's 2011 Literary Café Presents

Beyond Stone

This year's Literary Café will feature a merger between art and technology. We promise to present an interesting array of authors from both within and outside of our community. A main feature of this year's presentation is a writing competition for amateur, non-published authors.

(See details at www.inthelifeatl.com)

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Date: Saturday
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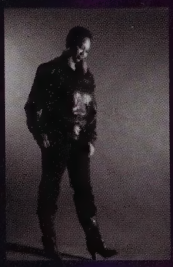

Kim Roseberry

Her most recent work, We Love as You~ Do Capturing the Strength of a Marginalized Community, features 25 strong African-American homosexual women, who intimately reveal that love is simply universal. Roseberry continues to tap into the lives of her subjects as she shares their stories, listens to their hearts, and captures the spirit of their inner and outer beauty with each click of the camera.Journey along as photographer Kim Roseberry uses visual imagery accompanied by poetry and discussion to address heart-felt issues and concerns of the gay community. Single mothers, interracial couples, young and middle-aged, all reveal through their lives they are no different, simply here to make a difference

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Literary Café 2011

Timothy Michael Carson is a Florida native currently residing in Atlanta, Georgia. Love's Damage!~ Kenton, Shawna, and Anjel can't seem to elude heartache and tries to redefine the laws that govern the heart. The never-ending quest for love will take these characters to places they never thought they'd go and find them doing things they never thought they would. But can they successfully weather through the many highs and lows on their quest for true love or will love simply find them...damaged?

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Peter Lawrence hails from New York City. *The Pact* is his first novel which came to him in a dream. He has ambitions of becoming a screen writer and turning his first novel into a film. He also started on the sequel of The Pact and hopes to have it completed by the end of this year.

Meet Kennedy, Claire and Octavia; three sensuous women from very different walks of life, who have one thing in common – REVENGE. Having discovered what managed to devastatingly affect these women's lives, and the lives of those they come in contact with, sex becomes their most dangerous weapons to regain what they feel they've lost. Leading dual lives, fate eventually forces them to battle their own truths and come to terms with what is really important to them; salvaging happiness. Journey along with them as the mission of vengeance transforms to an epiphany road to self-worth.

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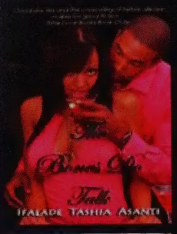

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Keith Montgomery~~At first Bert wanted to be as successful as he could be, then he continued to dream for the wife, the kids, the house with the picket fence. That was all fake and in vain. He now realized his sexual desires will never go away. After dealing with his abusive family members who were hateful and non-supportive he realized his dreams faded fast and will not come anytime soon. He realized that his under-employment will not go away anytime soon because of prejudice, bias, and discrimination in America. The hypocrisy and non-cooperation was here to stay. He realized the damaged done to him and realized he was a burden foolish black man who continues to hope for better.

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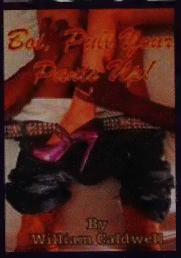
William Caldwell was born in North Carolina and raised in Talbot County - Eastern Shore, Maryland. He graduated from Coppin State University with a degree in Urban Art Productions. He currently lives in Baltimore, Maryland. He now devotes himself full-time to being an entrepreneur.



Boi, Pull Your Pants Up and Boi, Pull Your Pants Up 2 - Author William Caldwell, www.willcproductions.net Follow on twitter @Willcpower - Boi, Pull Your Pants Up 1 & 2 are short stories that deal with love, sex and relationships - situations that we find ourselves in and the consequences that come along with the choices made. The

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first book is Eye-opening, Edgy and Real. Book 2 is Intense, Dramatic and Emotional. Both books are sure to be page turners but when reading these books...Don't get caught with your pants down!!!

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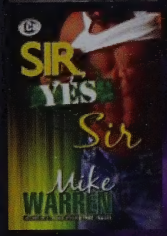
Mike Warren is the author of "A Private Affair" ~



After A Private Affair, and the sequel, Sweet Swagger, Sean heads to his new duty station in Hawaii with the love of his life by his side. Just as things heat up, Sean meets his father for the first time and is shocked by finding out a deep, dark family secret. Between running for his life, and the threat of being put out of the military, all hell breaks loose, and Sean s staring death in the eye.

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Rafael Solece is a 28 year old Play Write and Novelist, from Atlanta, Georgia~"When you are born into a life of privilege and prestige it is easy to forget that "privilege isn't always promised to the prestigious..." No one knows this better than Ashlee Baxton. This bright-eyed Creole boy was born into of life of possibility. He was a handsome, well breed, an extremely talented artist with all the promise in the world. And there was nothing more in the world that Ashlee dreamed of was than of one day joining the ranks of artist like Da Vinci & Van Gogh: and what better place than Atlanta to hone his talent?

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As a child, Langston John Blaze always had a fascination with storytelling. He loved the feeling of being taken into adventurous new worlds and transporting others through his 'tales'. Throughout his career he desired to write drama, romance, suspense, and mystery novels. Films inspired him to draw and write stories about toys coming to life and taking children to fun and exciting places.

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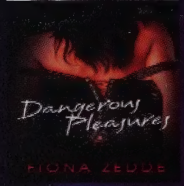
Fiona Zedde is a transplanted Jamaican currently living and working in Tampa, Florida.



Dangerous Pleasures - Author Fiona Zedde, www.fionazedde.com - This novel tells the story of Mayson and Renee, two best friends (one lesbian, the other straight) who've been through everything together. Now, choices the two women make – indulging in wild and risky sex-filled nights with dangerous partners – will put their friendship and their very lives in peril. Dangerous Pleasures is a selected read in the Black Expressions Book Club and has been well-reviewed in Publishers Weekly.

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Darian Aaron is the creator and editor of the urban gay blog Living Out Loud with Darian. His work has appeared in The Advocate, The Daily Voice, The LA Times GBM News and CLIK Magazine. When Love Takes Over: A Celebration of SGL Couples of Color is his literary debut. He is currently pursuing a degree in journalism at Georgia Perimeter College. He resides in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Dwayne Vernon's writing started in 1992 with his creation of poetry. In 2007, his first novel, My Man, My Boyz was released with great reviews and became the best seller on several review boards across the country. In June 2009, Dwayne Vernon's sequel to My Man, My Boyz; Deception, Lies and Truth hit the shelves. Dwayne has now completed and released his third Novel entitled, "Roman". Dwayne will be releasing in fourth Novel, "Vengeance" in the spring of 2012.

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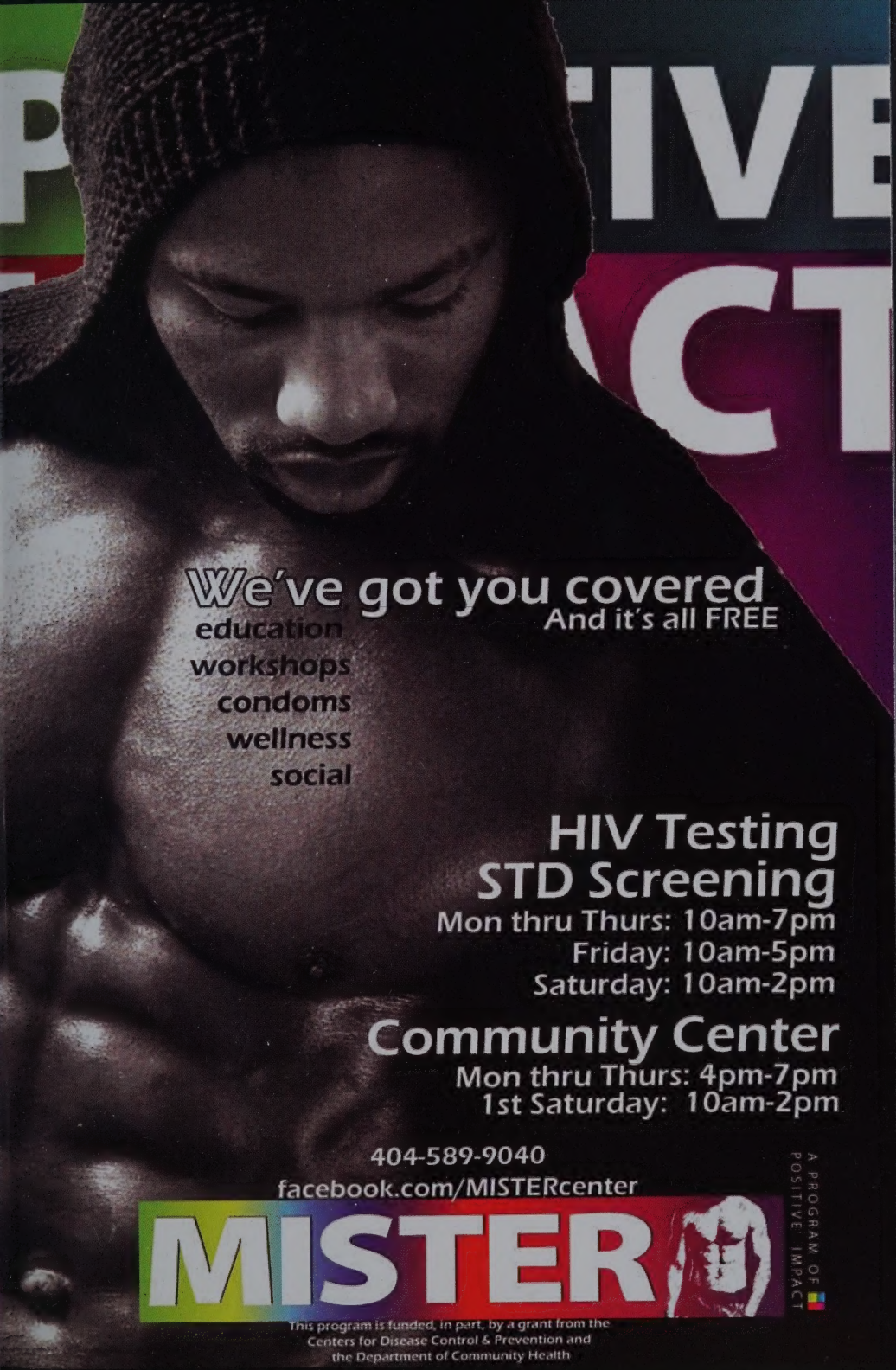
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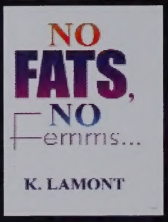

Kevin Gholson attended Norfolk State University where he majored in Elementary Education with a concentration in English. Determined to not let his sexuality be his "identifier", Kevin continued on a path to be a model black male in the gay community. It was not long before he realized that there were many gay black males who struggled with most of the emotional and verbal bashing that he himself had to deal with. He believed his life experiences could possibly help others and began to write his first book "No Fats, No Femms..." which was released in July of 2011. Kevin hopes to be a voice for those who have lost their sense of self-worth and to be an inspiration everyone.

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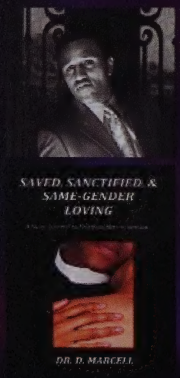

Dr. D. Marcell is a scholar and ordained minister "Saved, Sanctified, and Same-Gender Loving"~ is a proclamation of reclamation for all African-American SGL men who have lived conflicted lives, tormented by indoctrinated fears of eternal damnation, terrified of being rejected by God and family, and driven to schizophrenic nihilism (feelings of lovelessness, hopelessness, and despair). In this book, D. Marcell presents personal stories that illustrate his struggle to reconcile his spiritual and sexual identities; he also challenges other African-American SGL men (whether openly gay, closeted, down-low, or transgendered) to confront their own identity.

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The Shadow Behind the Rainbow

By Jeshawna Wholley

The Shadow Behind the Rainbow is a 30 minute documentary focused on exposing the truth about the influence that African Americans have had on the Queer Rights Movement since the civil rights era into contemporary times.

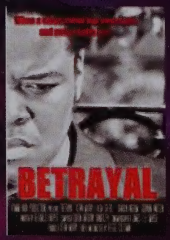
Underneath

By Katrina Deaton

Underneath captures the compelling journey of a young woman, Taylor Hayes, and her pursuit for happiness, acceptance, and self-discovery. Beneath the veil of sexuality, her deceit invokes the basic human need for love.

Betrayal

By Kevin Murray



Keith, an up and coming corporate superstar, is learning how to balance his career and social life. Keith and his tenacious friend Francis share a close relationship, until Francis witnesses an unexpected event that tests the strength of their intimate bond.

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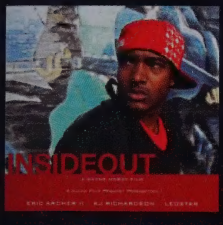
Inside Out

By Wayne Hobdy



An urban drama depicting the life of an at risk youth who sets out to discover life and his identity. A typically misguided street hood with few aspirations beyond drugs and video games.

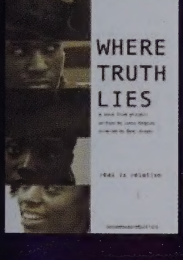
Fly-Brotha'

By Tim'm West

Fly Brotha. Provocative, moving, vulnerable, witty, and fun *Fly Brotha* is a celebration of courage needed to confront institutional barriers to personal freedom; an insistence on justice and peace in our community and world.

Where The Truth Lies

By Jsmes Peoples and Dane Joseph



WHERE TRUTH LIES focuses on Carlton, an attractive, educated, young black male with funny, caring friends (Brandon, Oliver, and Jamal); a beautiful, loving girlfriend (Jasmine)...and a handsome, devoted boyfriend (Terrell). These relationships rattle, however, on the day of his one-year anniversary with Jasmine, when truths unspoken come to light. Carlton's ability to balance the divergent interests of these three factions is put to the test, as is the sense and sensibility of his friends and lovers. A gripping portrait in four movements.

My Ma Said Yo' Mama's A Dyke

By CoquieHughes

An urban "mockumentary" tale about a group of teens who become fed up with their lesbian moms so they decide to enlist them into this uncanny camp that specializes in "de-lesbianism". It was written, produced and directed by CoquieHughes.

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ITLA Workshops

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1. So You Want to Dominant- Facilitator Cole Thomas
2. Differentiating between Wild Sex BDSM AND Abuse - Facilitator Cole Thomas
3. Understanding HRC (HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN) - Facilitators Toni and Leann—10am Saturday
4. Understanding HRC (HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN) - Facilitators MOLLY AND EL 10am Sunday
5. JUMP STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS-Facilitator - Felicia Mccoy 11am Saturday
6. Understanding Mental Health in The Gay Community - Facilitator Elaine Ballard-10:45am
7. World Financial Group & Prepaid Legal - Facilitator Cathy Mathis 11:30
8. Stud4Stud Relationship In The Black Community - Facilitator Sharon Smith—12pm
9. NA/AA meetings through 10-2 and 4-6 both days - Facilitator Tracy Owens
10. Pittman Financial Services - Facilitator Stacy Pittman
11. The Real L Word A Sista's Guide to the LWord - Facilitator Aretina Hamilton
12. LGBTQ services in isolated and institutional settings - Facilitator Dana Johnson 11am-12:15pm
13. Dealing and coping with Breast Cancer-Facilitator Thomasine Leachman 1:00
14. GLAAD EQUALITY- Facilitator Jeff Graham 1:30
15. Real Estate investment - Facilitator Donna Carlock-2:00
16. Homosexuality in The Bible - Facilitator Greg Smith - 2:15
17. Love and Relationships - Facilitator Angela King- 2:30
18. Onyx- Various Topics 3:00 - Various Facilitators
19. The State Of Trans Union 2011 - Minister Lisa Newson - 4:00
20. Understanding Estate Planning - James Jackson

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Dixon is the creator, host, and executive producer of Tips and Tea, an Atlanta based tv talk show that can be viewed nationally and internationally. This 24 year old starlet was born and raised in Nashville Tn. She attended college at Middle TN State University where she studied Broadcast Journalism and Theater. Dixon is also the President and CEO of Glam Gang Productions Inc, the production company that produces Tips and Tea. She has interviewed people such as Reverend Jesse Jackson, Jerome Bettis, Gabriel Hart, and Monique Coleman just to name a few. Her tv show is recorded monthly in Atlanta Georgia at Justin's Restaurant . Owned by hip hop mogul Sean "P. Diddy" Combs. Previous Tapings have also been held at Straits Restaurant, owned by Chris "Ludacris" Bridges. Currently dominating the world of media, Dixon has proven that she is in fact a force to be reckoned with.

Fashion Show Director

Founded in 2008 and now based in Atlanta, its focus, concept and ambition is to create designs that would appeal to extremely feminine women and enthuses the LBGT community. Its motto and mission is "Introducing the World to "Cunty", One Fashionista at a time!" with designs that are bright, out of the box; stand out in the crowd, one of kind pieces that set its clients aside from everyone else. The designs created by Fearful Clothing, Inc, have been featured in fashion shows along the east coast of the United States with debuts in cities such as New York, Philadelphia, District of Columbia, Virginia, Miami and Atlanta, and it continues to grow.

Domonique Riddick, CEO and founder is a young talented designer who originates from Virginia. He is a graduate of I.C. Norcom High School and has received a BA in Fashion Design from Norfolk State University (May 2010). His internship with NYC Fashion Week helped acquire the skills that have garnered him Directorship of 8 successful fashion presentations. His designs can be found in many various fashion boutiques and have been worn by several celebrities. To his attributes he is proficient in Fashion Design, styling, runway coaching, show coordination and consulting. He is vastly on his journey to speak to the world thru his fashions and runway illustrations!

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The theme of this year's celebration is "Crystal Ball," symbolizes our 15 year Anniversary and our focus on maintaining current, new and potential relationships that are built from many facets of our community as we continue to honor diversity and talents of our LGBT brothers and sister by celebrating the past, present and future. We invite you to unite with us as we collectively work together to celebrate the wonderful diversity that exist within all of us. We invite you to unite with us as we take on the responsibility of engaging in dialog about important issues that affect us mentally, physically and spiritually. We invite you to unite with us as we laugh, read poetry, sing, dance, party or just enjoy being with each other. Let's let the spirits of community guide us.

We thank you for considering being a volunteer for this event. Volunteer times for each event are shown in the attachment of this email, or you may also volunteer for one or more of the committees listed (Hospitality & Registrations, Logistics or other committees.

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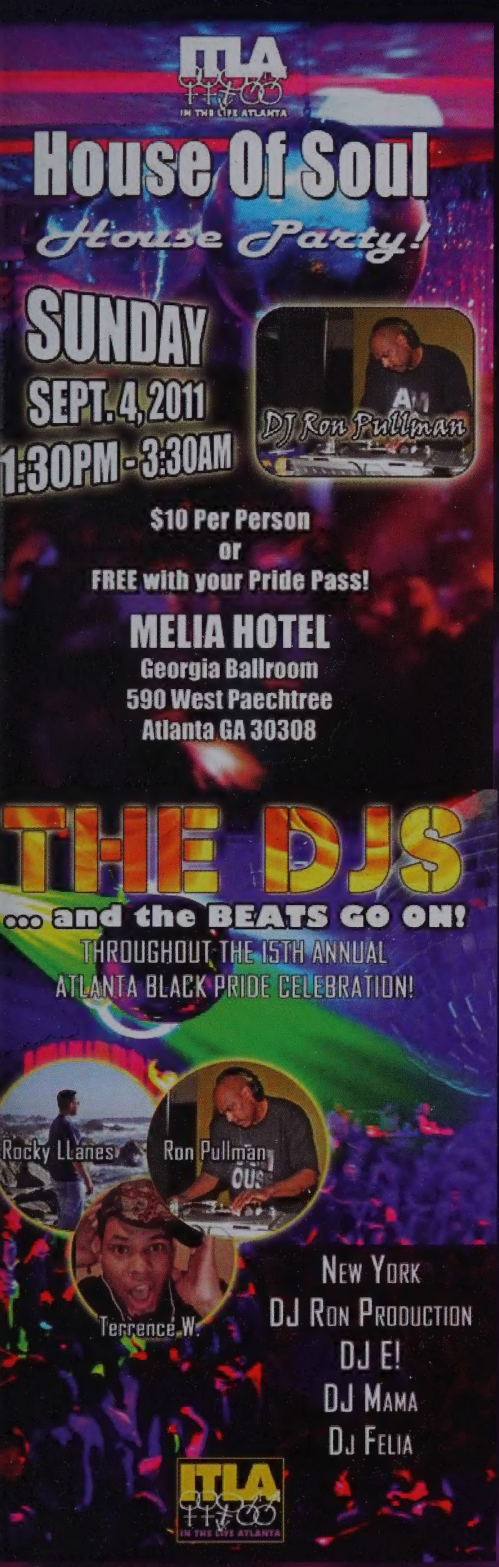

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